

facie case of anticipation because Black fails to teach or suggest each and every feature as set forth in the claimed invention.

Accordingly, since Black fails to teach, suggest or disclose each and every feature as recited in claims 1-3, Black fails to anticipate claims 1-3. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §102 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Black in view of U.S. Patent 3,843,974 to Miller (hereinafter "Miller"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that "Miller teaches a diaphragm pump which is made of silicon rubber...silicon rubber is known to have a swelling ratio to the ink of less than 1.05." Applicants respectfully submit that not only is Miller non analogous art, but Miller also fails to teach, suggest or disclose ink, let alone a swelling ratio to the ink not larger than 1.05 as recited in claim 4. In contrast, Miller is directed toward an intimal lining pump with vertically drafted webs for a circulator assist device. Specifically, the pump of Miller is connected to a human arterial blood supply (see Abstract). "In order to rely on a reference for the basis of rejection of an Applicant's invention, the reference must either be in the field of Applicant's endeavor or, if not, then be reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the inventor was concerned." *In re Oetiker*, 977 F.2d 1433, 1446, 24 USPQ 2d 1443, 1445 (Fed. Cir. 1992). Applicants respectfully submit that since Miller is used in connection with pumping blood, Miller is not pertinent to the particular problem solved by Applicants' invention.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Miller, either alone or in combination with Black, fails to teach, suggest or disclose the swelling ratio to ink as claimed. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Black in view of U.S. Patent 5,826,516 to Shimazu (hereinafter "Shimazu"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, Applicants respectfully submit that the passage relied on by the Office Action, i.e., column 5, line 14 of Shimazu, is directed toward production of a squeegee body 1. Specifically, as recited in column 5, lines 7-19 of Shimazu, "the *squeegee body 1* (emphasis added) can be produced by electroforming process shown in Figs. 8A and 8B ... subsequently, a pattern film is brought into close contact with a photo resist, is subjected to irradiation of

radiation energy such as electron rays and ultraviolet rays so as to be cured for printing”
Applicants respectfully submit that Shimazu fails to teach, suggest or disclose using ultraviolet ray curing ink in a stencil printer as recited in claim 5.

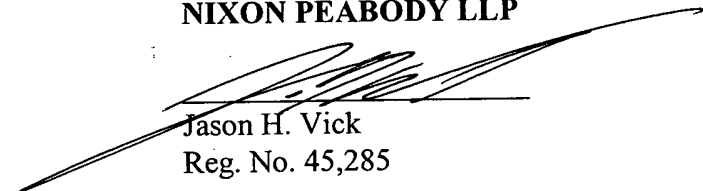
Since Shimazu, either alone or in combination with Black, fails to teach, suggest or disclose each and every aspect of claim 5, the cited references fails to render obvious claim 5. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-7 define patentable subject matter over the references of record. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants’ undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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